

## CZAR REJECTS KNOX SCHEME

RUSSIAN VIEWS OF MANCHURIA  
TO BE GIVEN ROCKHILL.

Japan Holds That She Has No Right  
to Veto the Construction of  
the Road.

DECISION IS NOT COMPLETE

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—The council of ministers has decided that the United States' proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways is not acceptable to the Russian government at present. Russia's reply to Secretary Knox's note will be delivered to United States Ambassador Rockhill in a few days.

It is understood, however, that Russia is not willing to decide finally concerning that part of the memorandum which dictated the Chin Chow-Agung railroad project undertaken by American and British capital until further light upon the intentions of the promoters of the new line has been received.

The press is informed that Japan has announced that it has no right to veto the construction of the road under the secret treaty between China and Japan, but will ask that the Japanese government be permitted to participate in the enterprise.

The local authorities at Harbin have instituted a practice of demanding passports from hotel guests in that city, the same as in Russia.

This has been undertaken by the local officers there, independent of authority of St. Petersburg, and will result, it is expected here, in international complications.

## REFORM PRISON

AMONG SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE.

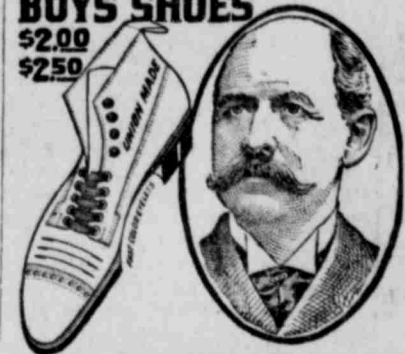
Kentucky Society of Charities and  
Correction Urges Some New  
Bills.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 18.—The Kentucky conference of charities and correction will hold its annual meeting on January 26 at Frankfort. The officers of the organization are: Rabbi H. G. Enelow, president; Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, vice president; Miss Harriet E. Anderson, secretary; Mr. L. W. Mahn, treasurer.

The program for the meeting will consist of addresses upon tuberculosis, prison reform and a survey of the present philanthropic effort of the state. There is a possibility that Livingston Farrand, secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and Dr. Charles R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago, may address the meeting. Dr. Henderson is an authority on prison reform.

The conference meets in Frank-

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fort at this time in order that it may assist, if possible, in the passage of bills providing for a state tuberculosis sanitarium and needed prison reform.

There will be three sessions on Wednesday, January 26, and possibly a session on Thursday morning. A complete program will be issued within a few days.

## GREATER PADUCAH

COMMITTEE WILL BE NAMED  
THIS WEEK.

Will Go With City Engineer to Inspect  
Territory to Be Annexed  
to West End.

As soon as President Ed D. Hannan, of the board of Aldermen, names a committee of three from that board, City Engineer Washington will head a procession of three aldermen and three councilmen in a tour over the outskirts of Paducah with the view of selecting the most thickly populated rural sections that are going to be annexed to the city.

Last night President Foreman, of the council, appointed Councilmen Bowers, Wilson and Lally as a committee from that board. City Engineer Washington said today that he is ready at any time.

As soon as the territory is designated the general council will adopt an ordinance embracing the ground to be annexed.

"Of course," said the very talkative person on the back platform, "no man ever is a hero to his valet." "And what is much more to the purpose," said the sour-faced individual in the doorway, "no woman ever was a saint to her hired girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## DID BALLINGER DO GRAFTING

BALLINGER AND DENNETT TO  
TESTIFY.

Nebraska Congressman Says That  
Mr. Ballinger Took Salary From  
One Man for Nephew.

REP. HITCHCOCK HAS CHARGES.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Charges against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and other officials, alleging improper use of public funds to pay private traveling expenses of a nephew of the secretary were made in an affidavit filed by Representative Hitchcock (Democrat, Mich.) with the house committee on expenditures in the interior department.

The affidavit was presented by Mr. Hitchcock at a meeting of the committee called to permit him to substantiate his charges of extravagance in the interior department. The committee decided to issue subpoenas on Secretary Ballinger, Commissioner Dennett, of the general land office, and all others interested in the charges, to appear as witnesses before the committee next Wednesday morning.

The affidavit alleges improper use of the million dollar appropriation "for the protection of the public domain against frauds" by the purchase of expensive furniture amounting to the tens of thousands of dollars, the erection of a "certain large brick chimney for the land office at considerable expense," the "employment of some 80 additional clerks," salaries increased and in one case at least doubled, out of this million dollar fund (ceding the case of Chief of the Field Service Schwartz as this instance); long telegraph bills, which cover long extracts from the newspapers sent in by traveling representatives of the general land office, selection of special agents not at all qualified," etc.

**Jack Ballinger's Graft.**  
The affidavit asserts that Mr. Ballinger became commissioner of the general land office, the position he held before entering the cabinet, he reduced the salary of Law Clerk Wright so that Wright's \$2,000 salary "could be given to Jack Ballinger, his nephew," "not under the title of law clerk, but under the title created by Mr. Ballinger's order of confidential clerk."

"I have been told Wright died of disappointment and humiliation soon thereafter."

Jack Ballinger remained a year in the service, the affidavit says, his manner of living, about the time his uncle resigned in March, 1908, being alleged to illustrate "the reckless expenditures of the land office."

"It was announced," the affidavit goes on to say, "that young Jack Ballinger was leaving the land office to resume the law practice in Seattle. In order that he might receive a final take-off, he was designated as special temporary inspector of offices, an evident outrage on the treasury. This enabled him to draw traveling expenses from Washington to Seattle, and a per diem also. Within two weeks after he reached Seattle he resigned."

**Charges for Witnesses.**  
Mr. Hitchcock suggested to the committee that the following government employees be called to furnish specific information, explaining that he was "persona non grata" with the interior department, and that the committee was in a better position to obtain the facts:

J. D. Yelverton, chief of division P, or his assistant, Bert Marshall, or Irving Rittenhouse, chief of accounts general land office, concerning the purchase of desks, filing cases, etc., out of the million dollar fund; Frank Bond, chief clerk of the general land office, concerning the eighty odd clerks performing ordinary clerical duties not connected in any way with the protection of the public domain, though so paid.

Concerning the office of chief of the field service, occupied by H. H. Schwartz, the statement alleges that position was created for Mr. Schwartz, the statement alleges that position was created for Mr. Schwartz without warrant of law, his salary being raised from \$2,000 as special agent to \$4,200 as chief of field service, or \$700 more than his immediate superior, the assistant commissioner. His messenger's salary was raised from \$750 a year to \$900, it is alleged.

**Many Excessive Salaries.**  
Mr. Hitchcock suggested there were doubtless other excessive salaries and large expenditures paid out of this fund, and recommended investigation of statements made in an anonymous letter to him that declared Mr. Ballinger's system of files has "so mixed, confused and befog-

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ged the clerks' files and records that there is absolutely no one who knows anything about anything that appertains to the office," and requiring over 100 clerks, against fifteen under the old system.

Special agents, says Mr. Hitchcock, have been selected from clerks at Washington who know practically nothing of the lands of the west nor of fraudulent methods nor of law. He cites practically the case of Howard L. Wilcox, appointed by Commissioner Dennett, and Mr. Schwartz's endorsement of Wilcox, recommending him as a "near dentist."

"I have been told, as a matter of fact," adds Mr. Hitchcock, "that the real reason for the appointment was that Wilcox was a bosom friend of Mr. Ucker, chief clerk of the interior department."

**Wants Itemized Statement.**

Mr. Hitchcock suggests that the committee demand an itemized statement of the expenditures under the fund, and avoids reference to the question of favoritism and fraud in the land office, because he says they are "not questions the committee can properly investigate."

The committee probably will also meet next Saturday to continue the investigation.

"Mr. Hitchcock's statement," said Chairman McGuire, of the committee, "was based solely, as he said to the committee, on rumors. We are going to the bottom of the matter, and I have not detected any disposition on the part of any member of the committee to be otherwise than entirely fair to both sides."

## HEALTH REPORT

IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
HEALTH.

Woman's Club Is Thanked for Co-  
operation and Assistance Dur-  
ing Year.

Health Officer H. P. Sights' report covering the work of the health department for 1909 was sanctioned by the health board yesterday afternoon and the report will be submitted to the general council.

The health board compliments the work of the Woman's club in its diligent work. The report further says: "The activity of the Woman's club in the interest of the health of the city has been of great assistance to the health department, especially in bringing Mrs. Crane, who by her wide experience in sanitary work, gave us much beneficial instruction by her thorough inspection of the city."

**Wonderful Luck.**

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## RIVER NEWS

River Stages.		
Pittsburgh	6.0	1.0 rise
Cincinnati	33.7	2.1 rise
Louisville	27.2	0.0 st'd
Evansville	28.5	1.4 rise
Mt. Vernon—missing		
Nashville—missing		
Chattanooga	4.3	0.1 fall
Florence	3.7	0.0 st'd
Johnsonville	7.9	2.1 rise
Cairo	32.3	0.1 fall
St. Louis	17.5	0.3 rise
Paducah	25.0	0.9 rise
Burnside	6.4	0.2 rise
Carthage	9.5	0.0 st'd

## River Forecasts.

The Ohio—From the mouth of the Wabash to Paducah, will continue rising during the next three days. At Cairo will continue falling 24 to 36 hours.

The Wabash—At Mt. Carmel will continue rising during the next 36 hours, but the stage will depend largely on the movements of ice forces.

The Tennessee—From Florence to below Johnsonville, will continue falling during the next 36 hours.

The Mississippi—From Chester to Cairo, will continue falling during the next 36 hours.

From Evansville the John T. Lowry arrived at 8 o'clock this morning with a fair sized cargo. She departed for a return trip at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The gorge holding above Evansville is enabling her to ply the trade, although indefinitely.

## Today's Arrivals.

George Cowling from Metropolis at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.; Bettie Owen from Brookport a. m. and p. m.; Dick Fowler from Cairo at 9 p. m.; American from Cairo; Egan from Caseyville; Ohio from Golconda at 11 a. m.

## Today's Departures.

Dick Fowler for Cairo at 8 a. m.; Ohio for Golconda at 2 p. m.; Cowling from Metropolis at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.; Bettie Owen for Brookport; Condon for Joppa at 7 a. m.

## River and Weather.

Gauge at 7 a. m. read 25 ft., indicating a rise of nine-tenths of a foot in 24 hours. Weather cloudy and colder and business good. Rainfall for yesterday and last night amounted to 1.76 inches.

## Pilothouse Pointers.

The Dick Fowler cleared port at 8 o'clock this morning with a good trip of merchandise. She will be late in returning tonight on account of unloading work at Joppa.

The towboat Nellie Willett will leave tomorrow or Thursday for the Cumberland river to load ties.

The towboat L. N. Hook came out of the Tennessee river yesterday afternoon with a tow of ties, taking them below. She is due back here.

The towboat American, after delivering a tow of ties to Cairo, is due back at this port. She will leave tomorrow for the Tennessee river after another tow.

The towboat Concrete left for the Tennessee river with fuel for the towboat Henrietta, of the Ayer & Lord company. The latter boat is loading ties.

The river here was clear of ice today and will be clear until the ice above breaks. There is much anxiety here concerning the gorges in the upper Ohio.

The towboat Egan came in from Caseyville today with a tow of coal for the West Kentucky Coal company.

Both the towboats I. N. Flecher and J. T. Love are moored in the Tennessee river, having been brought here from Smithland Sunday. The Flecher was pulled up on the marine ways yesterday for repairs while the Love will be repaired. Both were rescued from the ice by the Ohio at Smithland last week.

From the Tennessee river with a tow of ties the towboat W. T. Hardison is due tomorrow or next day.

The Condon came up from Joppa, Ill., last night with empties and returned this morning with a tow of ties.

Joe Carscaden, formerly on the Condon, is now second engineer on the Dick Fowler. He returned here several months ago from the Mississippi river, where he steamboated.

En route to the upper Ohio to load corn, the Electra departed this morning in command of Captain Wadlington and Pilots Harry Willis and John Bonds. She will proceed to Nashville with her load.

The J. B. Richardson is due tomorrow morning from Nashville and leaves at noon for a return trip.

The river at Louisville is at the flood stage and still rising. Most of the water is backwater caused by the Wolf creek gorge. Under normal conditions the stage of water at Louisville at this time would require a 60 foot stage at Cincinnati.

Jack Kittinger, formerly of the Lee line, has been appointed agent for the John T. Lowry at Evansville. Repairs to the John S. Hopkins at Evansville are nearing completion and she will be ready to resume the Evansville and Paducah packet trade.

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with the Joe Fowler as soon as the gorges from above run out.

Capt. Lon Kell, of the steamer Shiloh, was here yesterday.

Bob Moss, who has been mate on the Clyde several months, has resigned and gone head mate on the Russell Lord. Billy Sutter, formerly mate on the John S. Hopkins, has accepted the place on the Clyde.

Twenty-five feet on the gauge this morning. That made rivermen beam. Now if the river will just remain high on the banks and the ice will soon pass out rivermen will be relieved of a strain they have been laboring under for several months.

A dispatch from Hickman says: "The Mississippi river today and yesterday has more ice in it than at any time this winter, the ice extending from shore to shore. All river traffic is at a standstill, and crossing cannot even be made in skiff from the Missouri shore to this side. This large amount of ice is the result of the breaking of the gorge in the upper Mississippi that extends from Chester, Ill., toward St. Louis. The river is rising very rapidly, having risen about 20 feet. The boats tied in along Hickman have not been harmed, as this is one of the best harbors from the ice along the river."

## DR. BURWELL

ADDRESSES THE HIGH SCHOOL  
PUPILS THIS MORNING.

Commercial Course Will Be Intro-  
duced at Once—Basketball  
Game.

The Rev. H. W. Burwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, addressed the high school students at opening exercises this morning. His talk was appreciated by the students, and was one of the best ever delivered.

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